## Church Camp Fire Update July 6, 8 a.m.

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## **Uinta Fire Now Part of Church Camp Fire Management**

Duchesne, Utah – Kidd's Great Basin Incident Management Team #4 assumed control of the Uintah Fire this morning. This new fire, burning 18 miles northwest of Neola, Utah on the Ashley National Forest started July 4<sup>th</sup>, the cause is under investigation. The fire was estimated to be between 10 and 15 acres last night.

Firefighters face a three mile hike each day to and from this new fire which is burning in rocky terrain and heavy timber. Because rocks prevent the digging of traditional fire line, firefighters are using an extensive network of pumps and hoses to put water around the fire.

Two helicopters from the Church Camp Fire are being used on the Uintah Fire to conduct bucket work and support the three crews working the fire.

The Uinta Canyon Trailhead and the Uinta Canyon Trail are closed for pubic safety.

The Church Camp Fire received 0.4 of an inch of rain, but Brook Chadwick, Operations Section said, "... this does not compensate for six months of drought. The heavy fuels are still primed and capable of burning."

On the Church camp, fire crews continue mopping up 100-200 feet inside the perimeter. Crews working in Argyle Canyon are securing areas around property in preparation for the owners to enter safely back into the area, beginning Saturday.

Camp crews and other resources are cleaning up the girls Church Camp and other fire areas in preparation for their return.

Currently there are 329 personnel supporting the Church Camp and Uintah fires. These resources are comprised of 8 crews, two helicopters, 18 engines, three dozers and six water tenders.